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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The artificial percept of light may be created by electrically
stimulating the neurons of the retina. While a photolitho-
graphed array internal to the retina provides superior reso-
lution, an array external to the retina provides easier implan-
tation and improved manufacturability. Therefore it is
advantageous to supply a high-resolution electrode array
internal to the sclera, near the fovea and a lower-resolution
electrode array external to the sclera near the periphery of the
retina.

It is advantageous to encourage current to flow through the
retina by providing a physically separate and distinct elec-
trode array and return electrode. The high-resolution elec-
trode array and lower-resolution electrode array may be
return electrodes for the other, or completely separate return
electrodes may be provided.

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